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Genova, Octob. 22.

Several French Officers come daily hither from *Casal*, out of curiosity to see this City, and are very well received here; tho' at the same time this State continues to have great jealousies of the Designs of the most Christian King; and apprehends, that being possessed of so important a Post, it will not be long ere he make use of it, to the disturbance of the neighboring Princes and States: This makes our Senate press the Crown of *Spain* by their Ambassador at *Madrid*, to provide in time for the giving them such assistance as the Case shall require, that so they may not be forced to those Compliances, which would be as prejudicial to the Interest of the Crown of *Spain*, as to their own Liberty. The Senate is likewise sending a Minister to the French Court, who will in few days part from hence for *Marseilles*, a Gally being ordered to carry him thither. Not any English Ships are come in since our last; But the late stormy weather has brought, as we are informed by some Boats come in from the *Rivera*, several Ships on the Coast, which its believed are most French, laden with *Poor Jack*. Our Letters from *Spain* bring us the good News of the Plague's being wholly ceased at *Cadiz*.

Vienna, October 19. The hopes we had of seeing the Affairs of *Hungary* composed, lessen daily; for the Rebels, since their Conjunction with the *Turks* and *Transylvanians*, seem to have laid aside all thoughts of Peace; and in the Dyet at *Oedenburg*, so many difficulties arise in the matter of Religion, that it is to be feared they will hardly be overcome; and if this Assembly of the States of *Hungary* do not produce the Settlement that is so much desired by all those that wish to see the Peace and Quiet of that Kingdom restored, we may well apprehend that such an opportunity will not be suddenly offered again; and it is said, that the Emperor, finding how unsuccessful the means he has hitherto employed, for the bringing the Rebels to their Duty and Obedience have been, is resolved to have a very great Army in *Hungary* in the Spring to be employed against them. From the Imperial Court we have an Account, That the Marquis de *Sepperville* the French Minister, had had an Audience of his Imperial Majesty, and had acquainted him with the Motives that induced the King his Master to possess himself of the City of *Strasbourg*, concluding with an offer, That the King would demolish *Fribourg*, and restore it to his Imperial Majesty, upon condition the Emperor would dismantle *Philipsbourg*, and restore it with its Dependencies to the Bishop of *Spire*.

Ratisbonne Octob. 20. There have been long Debates in the Colledge of the Electors, and in that of

the Princes, about choosing General-Officers to Command the Army for the defence of the Empire, and the observing an exact Discipline, &c. but we do not hear that they have yet taken their final Resolutions therein. Monsieur *Verjus* the French Minister, endeavours all he can to remove the jealousy which the taking of *Strasbourg* has raised in the Princes of the Empire; and to persuade them that the King his Master has no other Thoughts than to maintain the Peace.

Strasbourg, Octob. 31. The King, after having given Orders for the Building a Fort of four Bastions on the other side of the *Rhine*; for the fortifying a small Isle that lies in the middle of the River; and the Building a Cittadel between the *Rhine* and this City, parted from hence the 27th Instant for *Saberne*, from whence he intends for *Metz*.

Francfort, Nov. 2. On Friday last in the Evening arrived here the Count de *Rosenberg*, the first of the Emperors Ambassadors, for the Conferences to be held here, which we hope will now be speedily begun.

Cologne, Octob. 28. These parts afford at present very little News; our great expectation is, what way the French King will take, when he leaves *Strasbourg*: The Letters from *Paris* say, the Court will be at *St. Germain* the beginning of the next Month; but here we are still alarmed with Reports, that his Majesty has other designs to execute before he returns. Our Elector having heard that it was spread about, that his Electoral Highness meant to leave this City, upon the notice he had of the designs of the French against it; has assured our Magistrates, that as he knows not of any such Designs, so he intends to remain here all this Winter.

Hague, Nov. 7. The fifth Instant the Prince and Princess of *Orange* returned hither from *Soestdyke*; and the next day the States of *Holland* were Assembled, and all the Foreign Ministers here were to wait upon his Highness. We are told that the French Ambassador has intimated to the Deputies for Foreign Affairs, with whom he has of late had several Conferences, That the Reports that were abroad, that the King his Master intended to send a Body of his Troops into the Countrey of *Alost*, were without any ground; and assured them, that his Master would preserve the Barriere in *Flanders*, according to the promise he had made this State. We have Letters from *Vienna* which say, that some of the Emperors Ministers had advised him to employ an Army of Forty thousand Men in *Hungary*, for the suppressing of the Rebels; and that accordingly, there was a discourse of giving out Commissions to raise five thousand Croats, and Five thousand Dragoons.

Marseilles